REPORT

of

EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION (N. S.)

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TO HIS HONOR,

The Honourable H. P. MacKeen, C.D., Q.C.,

Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

I have the honour to submit herewith a Report of the Emergency Measures Organization (Nova Scotia) for the fiscal year ended the 31st March, A.D. 1965.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

GERALD J. DOUCET

Provincial Secretary

Halifax, Nova Scotia,

Oct. 21, 1965

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EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION (NOVA SCOTIA)

for the year ended 31 March, 1965

GENERAL

The Government continued its program of preparing for continuity of government in a national emergency. Efforts were also continued to assist the municipalities to prepare for natural disasters, which could strike at any time.

Government direction in the nature of a booklet "Civil Defence in Natural Disaster Operations" was prepared and issued for the guidance of government departments and agencies, and for that of mayors, wardens and municipal clerks.

TRAINING

Training and assistance in emergency organization was provided to municipal governments by the Provincial Emergency Measures Organization (E.M.O. (NS)) Training Staff. Courses and exercises were conducted locally, and a conference for all the municipal civil defence directors was held in Halifax. A conference was also held for the Public Information Officers of the municipal Emergency Measures Organization/Civil Defence organizations.

These courses and exercises included the fields of Auxiliary Fire and Police training, Radiation Monitoring, Health, Welfare, Communications and Rescue.

The Provincial Emergency Measures Organization also sponsored the attendance of 117 volunteer civil defence workers and provincial employees at various courses conducted at the Canadian Emergency Measures College, Arnprior, Ontario, between 1 April 1964 and 31 March 1965.

OPERATIONS

Close liaison has been maintained with the municipal governments in assistance with their preparations for natural disaster.

A senior member of the Co-ordinator's staff is always readily available during the forest fire season, to co-ordinate all efforts necessary to combat serious forest fires, and to obtain such outside assistance as may be required to cope with the situation.

The Hose Coupling Standardization Programme continued to make good progress, and reports received indicate that benefits are already evident.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Emergency Measures Organization of Nova Scotia Very High Frequency emergency network is designed for use in any type of emergency. This network is kept open at all times and tested daily, in order to ensure a maximum of working efficiency.

FINANCIAL

The Province continued to participate in the Federal Financial Assistance Programme, whereby the Province is refunded a sum equal to 75 per cent by the Federal Government of all approved expenditures for Emergency Measures Organization (NS).

The municipalities also benefit substantially under this plan, because 15 per cent of their approved expenditures for training and administration for civil defence are refunded by the Provincial Government and 75 per cent by the Federal Government.

The total amount expended for this purpose by the Province and the municipalities in this year under review was $280,002.21.

The Province continued to participate in the Hose Coupling Standardization Programme for which the Government of Canada contributes 33⅓ per cent. This programme is being dispersed over a period of approximately five years, of which this is the third year. The total expenditure to date is $47,212.00.

A statement of expenditures and the amounts recovered as compared with the previous year is shown:

PROVINCE	1963-64	1964-65
Expended by EMO (NS)	$131,664.89	$159,374.73
Recovered from Government of Canada	98,748.66	119,531.05
Hose Coupling Standardization Programme		
Expended by EMO (NS)	$ 15,909.02	$ 15,140.60
Recovered from Government of Canada	5,303.00	5,046.86
Net expenditure by the Province	10,606.02	10,093.74
MUNICIPALITIES		
Recovered by Municipalities from Federal	$ 82,928.84	$ 90,470.61
Recovered by Municipalities from Province	16,585.83	18,094.06
Net expenditure by Municipalities	11,057.29	12,062.81
Gross expenditure by Municipalities	$110,571.96	$120,627.48
Operational Equipment with Peacetime Use		
Recovered by Municipalities from Federal	$ 2,732.27	$ 2,972.51
Recovered by Municipalities from Province	2,732.27	1,531.29
Net expenditure by Municipalities	5,464.54	4,503.80
Gross expenditure by Municipalities	$ 10,929.08	$ 9,007.60

CONCLUSION

Provincial and Municipal emergency plans continue to be improved. In the majority of cases, these plans have now reached the point where it would be possible for them to be placed into effective use in the event of any contingency.

If the individual will just insist that his community establish and maintain an active emergency measures organization/civil defence organization with a strong, respected director and a well-prepared survival plan, that individual will have done much to assure his own and his community's welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON GRANT,
Co-ordinator,
Emergency Measures Organization (Nova Scotia)

Halifax, N. S.
Oct. 21, 1965